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COMPLAINT

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

07 MJ 2493

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

RONALD CHESTER NORDFELT

COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF

U.S.C. Title 18 Section 2113(a)

Bank Robbery

BEFORE

San Diego, California

NAME OF MAGISTRATE

ADDRESS OF MAGISTRATE

THE UNDERSIGNED COMPLAINANT BEING DULY SWORN STATES:

That on or about October 17, 2007, at San Diego , California,
within the Southern District of California:

RONALD CHESTER NORDFELT

did by force, violence and intimidation unlawfully take from the person and presence of employees at the Bank of America, 5851 Balboa Avenue, San Diego, California, United States currency in the sum of \$1,631.00, belonging to, or in the care, custody, management or possession of the Bank of America, 5851 Balboa Avenue, San Diego, California, whose deposits were then insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113 (a);

And the complainant states that this complaint is based on the attached affidavit which is incorporated herein by reference.

Kevin J. Strauss

Kevin J. Strauss
Special Agent, FBI

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence on this
18th day of October, 2007.

W. McNamee
United States Magistrate Judge

A F F I D A V I T

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

) ss.

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO)

I, Kevin J. Strauss, being duly sworn, depose and say:

1. I am a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) assigned to the San Diego Field Division. My primary assignment is the investigation of bank robberies and other violent crimes. The information contained in this affidavit is based upon my personal knowledge and on the information I have learned from reviewing official reports and speaking with other local and federal law enforcement officers.

2. On Wednesday, October 17, 2007, at approximately 2:50 p.m., the affiant responded to the report of a robbery at the Bank of America, 5851 Balboa Avenue, San Diego, California.

3. The affiant interviewed the victim teller who advised as follows: On Wednesday, October 17, 2007, at approximately 2:45 p.m., the victim teller was working at her teller window when she was approached by an older white male, later identified as RONALD CHESTER NORDFELT. As NORDFELT approached the teller counter he said, "Do not push the alarm button. This is a robbery. Stay calm." NORDFELT placed a demand note on the teller counter. The demand note was handwritten on yellow, lined, notebook paper and it said

1 something to the effect of, "This is a robbery. Do not turn
2 back. Do not push the alarm. Do as I say." NORDFELT was
3 holding a large yellow manilla envelope. The victim teller
4 complied with the demand note and she removed U.S. currency
5 from her teller drawer. The victim teller placed the money
6 on the teller counter. NORDFELT picked up the money and
7 placed it in the manilla envelope. NORDFELT turned away and
8 exited the bank via the south lobby doors.

9 4. The affiant interviewed a bank employee who
10 advised as follows: On Wednesday, October 17, 2007, at
11 approximately 2:45 p.m., the employee was advised that the
12 bank had just been robbed. The employee immediately exited
13 the bank via the south lobby doors. The employee saw an
14 individual wearing a purple baseball hat nervously and
15 quickly walking away from the bank. The individual got into
16 the driver's seat of a newer model, blue Nissan Maxima. The
17 employee observed that the vehicle's license plate was
18 partially obscured by a piece of paper. The employee
19 approached the vehicle, moved the piece of paper and read the
20 license plate. The employee stepped aside as the vehicle
21 backed out of the parking space and left the parking lot
22 area. The employee wrote the license plate number 5EYP302 on
23 a piece of paper. The employee returned to the bank and
24 reported the vehicle description and license plate
25 information to officers of the San Diego Police Department.

26 5. Based on statements made by the victim teller
27 and a review of the video surveillance photographs, the bank
28 robber is described as follows:

1	Race:	White
2	Sex:	Male
3	Age:	50s
4	Height:	5'6" - 5'8"
5	Weight:	Approximately 175 pounds
6	Build:	Noticeable beer belly
7	Complexion:	White, scruffy, unshaven face
8	Head Covering:	Purple baseball cap with "Los Angeles Lakers" logo on front
9		
10	Clothing:	Navy blue or black jacket with collar; light blue jeans
11		

12 6. On Wednesday, October 17, 2007, San Diego
13 Police Department dispatchers determined that vehicle license
14 5FYP302 is registered to a 2004 Nissan Maxima. The
15 registered owner of that vehicle was determined to be RONALD
16 CHESTER NORDFELT, 935 Rawhide Court, Bonita, California.

17 7. On Wednesday, October 17, 2007, shortly after
18 the robbery of the Bank of America, 5851 Balboa Avenue, two
19 San Diego Police Department patrol officers assigned to a
20 single police car responded to the vicinity of 935 Rawhide
21 Court, Bonita, California. While en route to that location,
22 the officers observed the blue Nissan Maxima bearing
23 California license 5FYP302 driving eastbound on Bonita Road
24 in Bonita, California. The officers attempted to stop the
25 vehicle using their emergency lights. The driver failed to
26 yield and a high-speed pursuit ensued. The pursuit ended
27 when the driver of the Nissan Maxima failed to negotiate a
28 turn in a residential area and crashed violently into the

1 corner of an occupied house. The driver of the vehicle was
2 taken into custody at gunpoint without further incident. The
3 driver of the vehicle was identified as RONALD CHESTER
4 NORDFELT. At the time of his arrest, NORDFELT was wearing a
5 purple "Polo" brand shirt, light blue jeans, gray running
6 shoes and a black, collared "Polo" brand jacket.

7 8. The affiant spoke to an FBI Agent who assisted
8 in the search of NORDFELT's vehicle, subsequent to NORDFELT's
9 arrest. That FBI Agent advised that the following items of
10 evidence were seized from NORDFELT's vehicle:

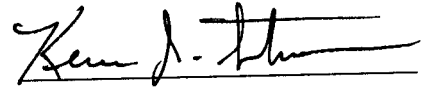
- 11 - Purple baseball hat with "LA Lakers" logo
- 12 - Dark "Ray Ban" sunglasses
- 13 - Bank robbery demand note written on lined, yellow
14 notebook paper
- 15 - Yellow manilla envelope with "B of A" written on
16 front
- 17 - U.S. currency totaling \$1,629.00

18 9. The affiant interviewed RONALD CHESTER NORDFELT
19 subsequent to his arrest. NORDFELT was advised of his
20 Constitutional Miranda rights. NORDFELT voluntarily agreed
21 to waive his rights and answer questions without an attorney
22 present. NORDFELT voluntarily confessed to robbing the BANK
23 OF AMERICA, 5851 Balboa Avenue, San Diego, California, on
24 October 17, 2007. NORDFELT is described as follows:

25	Name:	RONALD CHESTER NORDFELT
26	Race:	White
27	Sex:	Male
28	Date of Birth:	December 5, 1955

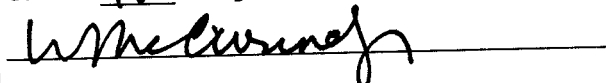
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 180 pounds
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Gray
Facial Hair: Several day's growth
Social Security #: XXX-XX-0547

10. The affiant has confirmed that the deposits of the Bank of America, 5851 Balboa Avenue, San Diego, California, were insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) at the time of the bank robbery on October 17, 2007. The Bank of America incurred a loss of \$1,631.00 as a result of that bank robbery.



Kevin J. Strauss
Special Agent, FBI

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence
this 18th day of October, 2007, at 1355 hrs ~~a.m./p.m.~~


United States Magistrate Judge